Modernisation of irrigation propects in Karnataka

3018. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for modernisation of irrigation projects for clearance of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) NO, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Curtailed of posts in Ganga Flood Control Commission

3019. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts, including that of organisational head, in the Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) have been curtailed during the year 1994-95;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several incumbents are posted/functioning on non-functionisg on nonexistent posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the rational 'behind such cur-teailment of posts and for posting of officers to such non-existing posts;

(e) the steps taken to revive the posts and/or to regularise such postings; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (f) As per Government of India rules, posts lying vacant for more than one year are deemed to be abolised. However. these posts are revived in consultation with Ministry of Finance as and when there is administrative requirement and suitable candidates are available.

Eighteen posts in Ganga Flood Con-trol Commission including posts of Chairman, which were lying vacant for more than one year are deemed to have been abolished under these rules. One post each of Member, Director, Deputy Director and 3 posts each of Jamadar, although deemed to have been abolished, have been filled up in administrative interest and the revival of all the 18 posts including the six posts mentioned above hag been taken up.

Leans sanctioned to Backward Class by NBCFDC

3020. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BA-RIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) has been sanctioning loans to the backward class people;

(b) if so, the specific proposes for which the NBCFDC has been sanctioning loans; and

(c) the number and the details of people who have received loans from NBCFDC, so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corpora-

tion grants loans to eligible members of Backward Classes for a variety of viable economic activities broadly categorised under the following groups: —

(i) Agricultural and allied fields such as animal breeding, poultry fanning, bee keepinnig and also for purchase of equipments for agricultural services.

(ii) Artisan and traditional occupations like barbers, washermen, tailors weavers, carpenters, potters, blacksmiths, masons, malies etc.

(iii) Self employment in technical tradeg such as electrician, plumber motor and refrigeration mechanics, T.V., radio repair etc.

(iv) Small business like tea shops, provision, book shops, photocopier services, newspaper-vendors etc.

(v) Small scale and tiny industry.

(vi) Transport services like auto-rickshiaws, cycle rickshaws, tempos and animai driven carts Trucks Mini buses and light commercial vehicles are considered preferably for groups of beneficiaries.

The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

(c) Loans of Rs. 224 crores have been sanctioned for 2.56 lakh ■beneficiaries in tenms of self and wage employment upto 28.2.1995. Out of this sanctioned amount Rs. 107.65 crores has been disbursed to the state channelising agencies upto 28.3.1995.

पहाड़ी कोरबा और बिरहोर जनजातियों को सहायता

3021. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पहाड़ी कोरबा तथा बिरहोर जनजातियों के अस्तित्व को बचाने और उनका विकास करने हेतु किन-किन राज्यों को सहायता प्रदान की गई हैं और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है और इन जनजातियों की राज्य-वार जनसंख्या कितनी-है ;

(ख) इन जनजातियों के विकास में मुख्य कठिनाइयां क्या हैं और क्या इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने हेतु किए जा रहे कार्यों और तैयार की जा रही योजनाओं की समीक्षा हेतु अनुसंधान कार्य करने के लिए कोई केन्द्रीय दल इन राज्यों में भेजे गए हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में भेजे गए केन्द्रीय दलों और उनके प्रतिवेदनों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) मध्य प्रदेश में इन दोनों जनजातियों के विकास एवं कल्याण के लिए गठित एजेंसी के माध्यम से कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई हैं और उक्त वर्षों के दौरान राज्य के अन्य विभागों ने कितनी धनराशि व्यय की है ; और

(ङ) उनकी उपलब्धियों का वास्तविक ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) किसी राज्य या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में पहाड़ी कोरबा नामक किसी अनुसूचित जनजाति को आदिवासी के रूप में अधिसूचित नहीं किया गया है। तथापि अनुसूचित जनजातियों की अधिसूचित सूची में कोरबा जनजाति का निम्नलिखित तरीके से उल्लेख है :—

कोरबा	बिहार, पश्चिम
कोदाक सहित	बंगाल मध्य
कोरबा	प्रदेश